

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Original): A protector for a window well comprising:

a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the first portion and the slits.

Claim 2 (Original): A protector for a window well comprising:

a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the slits;

a first outward rim flange extending from the top of the hood for securing the hood to a foundation; and

a second outward rim flange extending from the bottom of the hood for covering the window well.

Claim 3 (Original): A protector for a window well comprising:

a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the slits;

a first outward rim flange extending from the top of the hood for securing the hood to a foundation and comprising a plurality of securing members; and

a second outward rim flange extending from the bottom of the hood for covering the window well.

Claim 4 (Original): The protector as described in claim 1 wherein the hood is a single piece.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the hood and flanges are a single piece.

Claim 6 (Original): The protector as described in claim 1 wherein the hood is transparent.

Claim 7 (Original): The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the hood is transparent.

Claim 8 (Original): The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the hood is transparent

Claim 9 (Original): The protector as described in claim 1 wherein the hood is plastic.

Claim 10 (Original): The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the hood and flanges are plastic.

Claim 11 (Original): The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the hood and flanges are plastic.

Claim 12 (Original): The protector as described in claim 1 wherein the hood is constructed by injection molding.

Claim 13 (Original): The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the hood is constructed by injection molding.

Claim 14 (Original): The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the hood is constructed by injection molding.

Claim 15 (Original): The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the second outward rim flange covers the entire window well.

Claim 16 (Original): The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the second outward rim flange covers the entire window well.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the second outward rim flange comprises a plurality of securing members for securing the protector to a foundation.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the second outward rim flange comprises a plurality of securing members for securing the protector to a foundation.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The protector as described in claim 2 wherein the first outward rim flange comprises a plurality of securing members for securing the protector to a foundation

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The protector as described in claim 1 further comprising a plurality of securing members for securing the protector to a foundation.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): A method for constructing a protector for a window well comprising:  
injecting a moldable material into a mold, the mold shaped to form a window well cover,  
wherein the window well cover further comprises:

a hood in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the slits;

a first outward rim flange extending from the top of the hood for securing the hood to a foundation;

a second outward rim flange extending from the bottom of the hood for covering the window well; and

removing the mold after the material has solidified.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The method as recited in claim 21 wherein the material is plastic.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The method as recited in claim 21 wherein the material is transparent.

Claim 24 (Original): A protector for a window well comprising:

a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood connected to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the slits;

a first outward rim flange extending from the top of the hood for securing the hood to a foundation; and

a second outward rim flange extending from the bottom of the hood for covering the window well.

Claim 25 (Original): The protector as described in claim 1 wherein the hood is a single piece.

Claim 26 (Cancelled).

Claim 27 (Original): The protector as described in claim 3 wherein the hood and flanges are a single piece.

Claim 28 (Original): The protector as described in claim 24 wherein the hood and flanges are a single piece.

Claim 29 (Cancelled).

Claim 30 (Original): A protector for a window well comprising:

a single-piece structure including a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the first portion and the slits.

Claim 31 (Original): A protector for a window well comprising:

a hood formed in the shape of quarter sphere comprising a first and second portion, the first portion of the hood about perpendicular to a base and further comprising a plurality of slits, the second portion sloped to deflect precipitation from the first portion and the slits;  
a hinge coupled to the second portion.

Claim 32 (Original): The protector of claim 2, further comprising a hinge secured to the first outward rim flange.

Claim 33 (Original): The protector of claim 3, further comprising a hinge secured to the first outward rim flange.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 21, further comprising securing a hinge to the first outward rim flange.

Claim 35 (Original): The protector of claim 24, further comprising a hinge secured to the first outward rim flange.

Claim 36 (Original): The protector of claim 30, further comprising a hinge secured to the first outward rim flange.

Claim 37 (New): The protector of claim 25, wherein the single-piece hood is made by injection molding.

Claim 38 (New) The protector of claim 27, wherein the single-piece hood and flanges is made by injection molding